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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: OSA Position Regarding the Undersigned Draft
NRO Paper. FY-73 Financial Program, FY-1974
Budget, and FY-1975 thru 1978 Planning

REFERENCE: Draft NRO Memorandum dated 10 March 1972;
Subject: Same as above 25X1

1. The referenced draft NRO Memorandum was provided to OSA
^{for}
from comments, suggestions, etc., prior to its becoming an official
policy paper of the NRO. There are in this paper three main issues on
which we wish to comment and establish what we believe to be the best
Agency position; i. e.,

a. ISSUE NUMBER I:

This NRO paper establishes that for FY-74 the Air Force
would assume responsibility for budget, funding, contracting,
and supply support for SENIOR YEAR and IDEALIST/SENIOR
YEAR.

OSA POSITION:

The funding, contracting, etc., by the Air Force of
these accounts will not affect our operation of the IDEALIST

NRO review(s) completed.

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Program, ^WWith the proviso that arrangements and agreements ^{that?} can be reached to insure IDEALIST Peculiar and IDEALIST ^{AGENCY MESS COVERED} Common, ^{to the} are not subject to Air Force budgetary manipulation and constraints. This will, in effect, increase our IDEALIST Peculiar Account and at the same time equitably reduce the IDEALIST Common Account for 1974 and on. Therefore, subject to the aforementioned agreement, we generally concur on this issue of the NRO paper.

b. ISSUE NUMBER II:

The next issue of the NRO paper is that of the division of S.P.O. responsibility between the Air Force and OSA.

OSA POSITION:

~~It is not clear exactly what is intended by the last~~
two sentences in paragraph 1. of the draft paper regarding S.P.O. responsibilities. This is particularly true since ^{With the initiation of the original} when ~~in the instigation of the~~ U-2R procurement, ^{specifically stipulated at that time} the then DNRO-specific guidance ~~was~~ that there would be one S.P.O. -- ^{DEA} OSA, and that it ~~was~~ to be this S.P.O.'s responsibility to maintain ^{the} a limited number of U-2R's in a standard configuration, ^{totally} usable and interchangeable for both SENIOR YEAR and

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IDEALIST Missions. However, in spite of this guidance, the changing situations and missions of the two organizations ~~in recent~~ ^{recently} over the years have [^] affected many different and noncompatible U-2R configurations. In effect, it has now become an exceedingly costly and time consuming process to reconfigure an IDEALIST aircraft for SENIOR YEAR and vice versa.

Because of the obvious trend towards widely diverging missions, it appears that the creation of two S.P.O.'s in FY-74 is an approach ^{That would} to maintain configuration integrity

compatible with specific mission goals. ~~with~~ ^{full} realization

All by both parties would have to be achieved
that interchange of articles ~~for commonality~~ would not *be possible*
in the future necessarily be fact and reduced flexibility of ^{these} limited resources will exist.

*C, * Issue #III = see page 5*
OSA POSITION:

This decision appears to be incongruous with the other two issues, as it is incompatible with the IDEALIST Mission. While, and because, we have ~~essentially~~ agreed with the other two issues (with certain stipulations) we must take exception with the four aircraft CIA fleet part of this paper.

~~[As the IDEALIST/SENIOR YEAR aircraft even now are~~

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configured differently, and would be more so if we had separate S. P. O.'s, and separate contracting. There would be established two different kinds of U-2R's as we have previously ~~shown~~ ^{stated}. The Agency needs a minimum of five equally configured U-2R's to accomplish its total mission, but with a split fleet of this type and number, there would be no way that the IDEALIST Program could borrow a SENIOR YEAR aircraft for use on its type of missions. However, if the Agency fleet were to be maintained at the five level, then it would be possible for us to provide aircraft to the SENIOR YEAR Program on a loan basis. This loan, of course, would have to be for short and specified periods and when there is low level of efforts and/or requirements in the IDEALIST Program.

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* c. ISSUE NUMBER III:

The third issue of the NRO paper is the apparent decision to limit the CIA U-2R Fleet to four aircraft starting in FY-73.